

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claims 178-193 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue cancelled subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and submits that this amendment does not constitute new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 114-177 are allowable.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 178-193 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ullrich, *et al.* (1982) J. Mol. Biol. 156: 467-486 ("Ullrich").

Applicant respectfully submits that Ullrich fails to teach or suggest a polypeptide with at least 95% sequence identity with the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2 or amino acids 24 through 189 of SEQ ID NO. 2 and the SNP A42G. Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting allowance of the instant application, Applicant has cancelled claims 178-193 rendering this rejection *moot*.

CONCLUSION

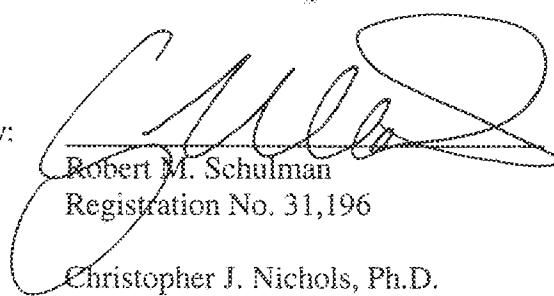
Applicant respectfully submits that claims are in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that any issues remain after consideration of this response, the Examiner encouraged to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to discuss and resolve such issues.

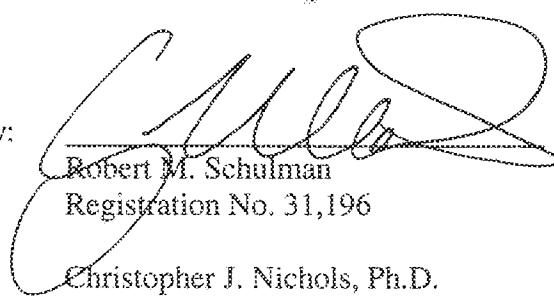
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